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1. SUMMARY: SECOND DAY DELIBERATIONS CHARACTERIZED BY RECITATION OF DELEGATES RE NATIONAL POPULATION POLICIES PRECEDED BY IN DEPTH ANALYSIS OF WPC PLAN OF ACTION BY UN SECRETARIAT POPULATION STAFF. DRAFTING COMMITTEE APPOINTED. END SUMMARY.

2. ECAFE MEMBER COUNTRIES RESPONDED TO SECRETARY GENERAL CARRILLO'S INVITATION TO DESCRIBE NATIONAL PROGRAMS AS PRELUDE TO DEFINING REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN REPORT TO WPC. CARILLO'S WRITTEN INVITATION INCLUDED FOLLOWING TWO QUESTIONS: QUOTE - (1) WHAT IS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE COUNTRIES THAT HAVE SET QUANTITATIVE TARGETS ON DEMOGRAPHIC GROWTH? DO THEY CONSIDER THAT THE DEFINITION OF THOSE TARGETS HAVE HELPED THEM - POLITICALLY, SOCIALLY, ADMINISTRATIVELY OR OTHERWISE - TO IMPLEMENT THEIR POPULATION POLICIES?

(2) WHAT ARE THE MAIN OBSTACLES OR HANDICAPS THAT CERTAIN COUNTRIES OF THE REGION HAVE FOUND IN THEIR FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMMES:

- (A) CULTURAL BARRIERS?
- (B) INSUFFICIENCY OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES?
- (C) INSUFFICIENCY OF TRAINED PERSONNEL?
- (D) LACK OF CONTRACEPTIVES ADEQUATE TO THEIR PECULIAR NEEDS? UNQUOTE.

3. RESPONSES WHILE GENERALLY SHOW AND TELL WERE CHARACTERIZED BY HIGH LEVEL OF INSIGHT AND REFINEMENT BUT LACKED RELATIONSHIP TO WPC PLAN OF ACTION. CARRILLO TOOK VIGOROUS POSITION BOTH IN PLENARY SESSIONS AND DURING INTERLUDES TO LOBBY FOR MAINTAINING QUANTITATIVE GOALS APPARENTLY TO BALANCE ARA RETICENCE THIS REGARD. HIS PERSONAL CHARM HAD MEASURABLE EFFECT UPON DELEGATES.

4. RIAD TABBARAH, UN CHIEF POPULATION POLICY SECTION, AND PRINCIPAL DRAFTER WPC PLAN OF ACTION, ANALYZED PLAN TO GENERAL ACCLAIM. CLEAR SUBSEQUENTLY THAT PLAN'S COMPREHENSIVENESS MAY GENERATE CRITICISM AS ATTEMPTING ACCOMPLISH TOO MUCH. TABBARAH ADDRESSED THIS POINT STATING THAT ISSUE OF DIRRERENT NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTIES AND PRIORITIES COULD BE ACCOMMODATED EASILY WITHIN PLANS PARAMETERS. HE RECOMMENDED STRONGLY THAT ECAFE MEMBERS SUPPORT CONCEPT OF QUANTIFIABLE GOALS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS CRITICAL FOR MEASUREMENT OF PROGRESS AND FUTURE REPLANNING. HE SENSITIVE THAT SOME COUNTRIES ACCEPT QUANTIFICATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS BUT LOATH APPLY SIMILAR YARDSTICKS TO SENSITIVE POPULATION AREA.

5. LATE ARRIVALS RAISED TOTAL MEMBER COUNTRY REPRESENTATION TO NINETEEN PLUS TWO ASSOCIATE MEMBERS. ROMANIA AND SWITZERLAND ALSO REPRESENTED.

6. VIEW PRC ABSENCE CARRILLO TOOK OPPORTUNITY REVIEW IN
DETAIL HIS RECENT PEKING VISIT ACCOMPANIED BY TABAH TO
PLEASURE OF DELEGATES. THERE IS FEELING, ALBEIT INTANGIBLE,
AMONG DELEGATES THAT PRC IS OF CRITICAL LONG-TERM INTEREST AND
IMPORTANCE TO REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT. THUS DELEGATES PLEASED
TO LEARN FIRST HAND OF CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN POPULATION
AFFAIRS.

7. PAKISTAN DELEGATES, APROPOS RELATIVELY MEAGRE NUMBER
COUNTIES REPRESENTED AT CONSULTATION, NOTED THAT ONE BILLION
PEOPLE WERE NOT REPRESENTED THIS MEETING.

8. THAILAND DELEGATE AMUSED CONSULTATION WITH CLEAR STATEMENT
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT CONCERNED OVER EROSION BUDDHIST VALUES
DUE UNISEX PHENOMENON CHARACTERIZED BY LONG HAIR OTHER
DECADENT WESTERN VALUES. HE FEARED THAT PERHAPS POPULATION
CONTROL MEASURES WERE CONTRIBUTORY THIS CONCERN. NONTHELESS,
THAILAND WAS SENSITIVE TO NATIONAL AND REGIONAL RAMIFICATIONS
OF UNBRIDLED POPULATION GROWTH AND PLEDGED SUPPORT FOR WPC
PLAN OF ACTION.

9. USDEL INTERVENTION REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL DROP BIRTH RATES,
TWO YEARS BELOW REPLACEMENT LEVELS DESPITE LACK NATIONAL
POPULATION POLICY. READ KISSINGER LETTER TO WALDHEIM RE
DECLARATION FOOD AND POPULATION AS LATEST STATEMENT US POLICY.

10. DRAFTING COMMITTEE FORMED AS FOLLOWS: (A) DR. SOENARWAR
SOEKOWATI, INDONESIA; (B) MR. MUKTAR MASOOD, PAKISTAN; (C) MR.
CHANDRA SEKHAI, INDIA; (D) MR. TOSHIO KURODA, JAPAN; (E) DR.
ALDABA LIM, PHILIPPINES; (F) MR. PHILANDER CLAXTON, USA;
(G) LEON TABAH, UNNY; (H) SULTAN HASHMI, ECAFE.

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11. EXPECT THAT THIRD DAY CONSULTATIONS WILL PRODUCE
FAVORABLE REPORT FOR STRENGTHENING WPC PLAN OF ACTION VIEW
FAVORABLE LIST OF DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEMBERS INCLUDING US
REPRESENTATIVE. WILL ADVISE.
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